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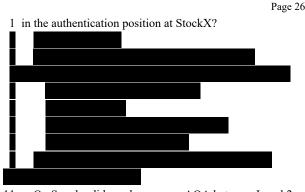
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- 11 Q So why did you become an AQA between Level 2
- 12 and 3 authenticator?
- 13 A So there was a need in our New Jersey
- 14 warehouse at the time for an authentication quality
- 15 assurance role. And I did interview for that role,
- 16 and I was able to assume the position at that time.



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- 11 Q Were you employed prior to joining StockX in
- 12 August of 2018?
- 13 A I actually was -- I -- sorry. Can you just
- 14 rephrase that question.
- 15 Q Sure. Prior to joining StockX in August of
- 16 2018, did you have a job before that?
- 17 A I -- I had an LLC. I ran my own business at
- 18 the time.
- 19 Q What -- what sort of business were you
- 20 running at that time?
- 21 A A sneaker buy/sell/trade shop,
- 22 brick-and-mortar store.
- Q What was the name of your brick-and-mortar
- 24 sneaker store?
- 25 A The Sole Market LLC. S-O-L-E.

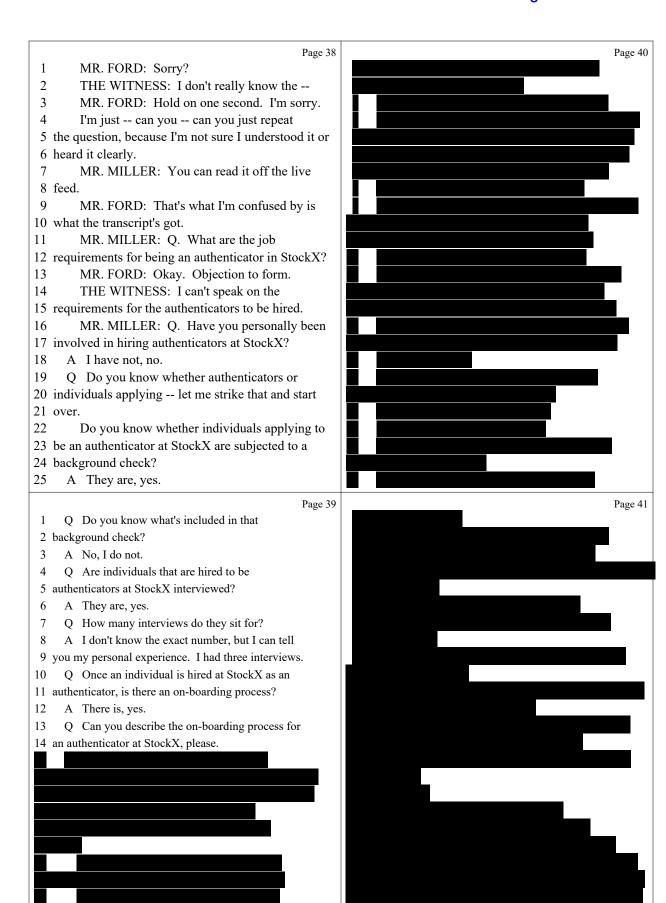
- 1 Q And where was the store located?
 - 2 A That was located in Brick, New Jersey.
 - 3 Q Does that store still exist today?
 - 4 A No, it does not.
 - 5 Q Did you close it when you joined StockX?
 - 6 A Yes, I did.
 - 7 Q How long did you run that store for?
 - 8 A For about a year.
 - 9 Q Were you the sole proprietor?
 - Did you have any partners?
 - 11 A I was a sole proprietor, yes.
 - 12 Q Did you have any employees?
 - 13 A No, I did not.
 - 14 Q And before running Sole Market LLC, did you
 - 15 have a job?
 - 16 A I did, yes.
 - 17 Q What was that?
 - 18 A I was a server at Bonefish Grill in
 - 19 New Jersey.
 - Q Can you tell me a little bit about your
 - 21 education background.
 - 22 A Sure. I graduated high school from
 - 23 Jackson Liberty High School in New Jersey. And after
 - 24 that, I attended Temple University in Philadelphia.
 - 25 Q What year did you graduate from Temple?

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- 1 A I actually did not graduate from Temple.
- 2 Still currently finishing my bachelor's degree.
- 3 Q Okay. What are you studying at Temple?
- 4 A Communications.
- 5 Q You're still taking courses today?
- 6 A As of right now, no.
- 7 Q How did you get into the business of running
- 8 a sneaker store?
- 9 A Sure. So sneakers has always been my
- 10 passion. While I was serving tables at the Bonefish
- 11 Grill, I would buy and sell sneakers to locals in my
- 12 community. And from there, slowly but surely built up
- 13 a clientele, and eventually was able to get the
- 14 opportunity to open the brick-and-mortar sneaker
- 15 store.
- 16 Q Do you consider yourself a sneakerhead?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Do you have a favorite brand of sneaker?
- 19 A I do.
- 20 O What is it?
- 21 A Nike.
- 22 Q A specific style of Nike? Do you have a
- 23 favorite?
- 24 A I would say Nike SB, yes.
- 25 Q Have you ever been employed by Nike?

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- 11 Q If you'd flip to Exhibit 4, please. This one
- 12 is titled:
- 13 "Authenticator at StockX."
- 14 At the top, there is a heading that says:
- 15 "Job Application for Authenticator at
- 16 StockX."
- 17 I'll represent to you that we printed this
- 18 off of the Internet from the Wayback Machine from a
- 19 posting dated August 9th, 2022.
- Do you see that at the top in the URL?
- 21 MR. FORD: Sorry. I see 2/22/23. Where are
- 22 you looking at?
- MR. MILLER: In the Wayback Machine URL,
- 24 there is a date: 2022, 08/09.
- 25 THE WITNESS: 08/09.

- 1 MR. FORD: And your representation is that
- 2 that is the date of this --
- 3 MR. MILLER: Of the Wayback Machine capture.
- 4 MR. FORD: -- Forbes -- of the
- 5 forbes.greenhouse.io posting?
- 6 MR. MILLER: Correct.
- 7 MR. FORD: Okay.
- 8 MR. MILLER: Q. Do you see that?
- 9 A Yes, I do see that.
- 10 Q Okay. Please just take a moment to review
- 11 this document, and let me know if you're familiar with
- 12 it.
- 13 A (Witness reading document.)
- 14 Okay.
- 15 Q Have you seen a job posting like this one
- 16 before?
- 17 A I have, yes.
- 18 Q Is this similar to the one that you applied
- 19 to back in 2018?
- 20 A Similar, yes.
- 21 Q When was the last time you saw a job posting
- 22 like this?
- 23 A Probably back in 2018.
- 24 Q In your time as a StockX employee, you
- 25 haven't seen any other job postings for

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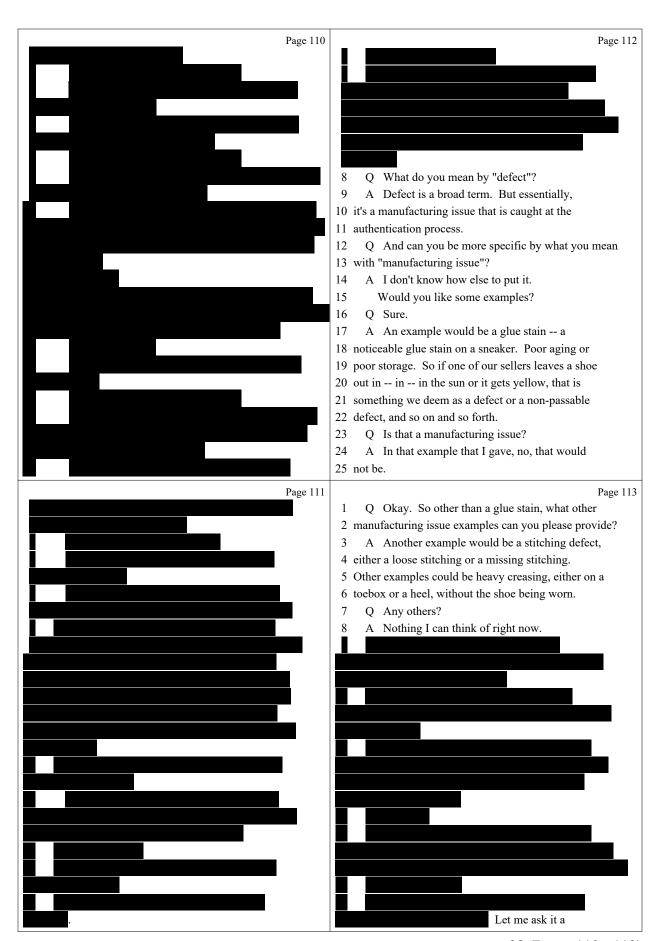
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- 1 authenticators?
- 2 A Not that I've thoroughly read through or
- 3 reviewed, no.
- 4 Q Okay. I want to ask you a couple of
- 5 questions about the bullets underneath the "About
- 6 You" heading.
- 7 Do you see that?
- 8 It's on the first page towards the bottom.
- 9 A Yes, I do.
- 10 Q So the first bullet says:
- 11 (As read):
- "Minimum of 3 years of experience in retail,
- 13 customer service, operations, or a similar
- 14 environment."
- Do you see that?
- 16 A I do, yes.
- 17 Q Do you know what that means?
- 18 Can you explain what type of experience
- 19 StockX is looking for in an authenticator with that
- 20 bullet?
- 21 A I cannot. I wasn't a part of the description
- 22 here, so I cannot really speak on -- on what exactly
- 23 was meant there.
- 24 Q Okay. Let's look at the second bullet then:
- 25 (As read):

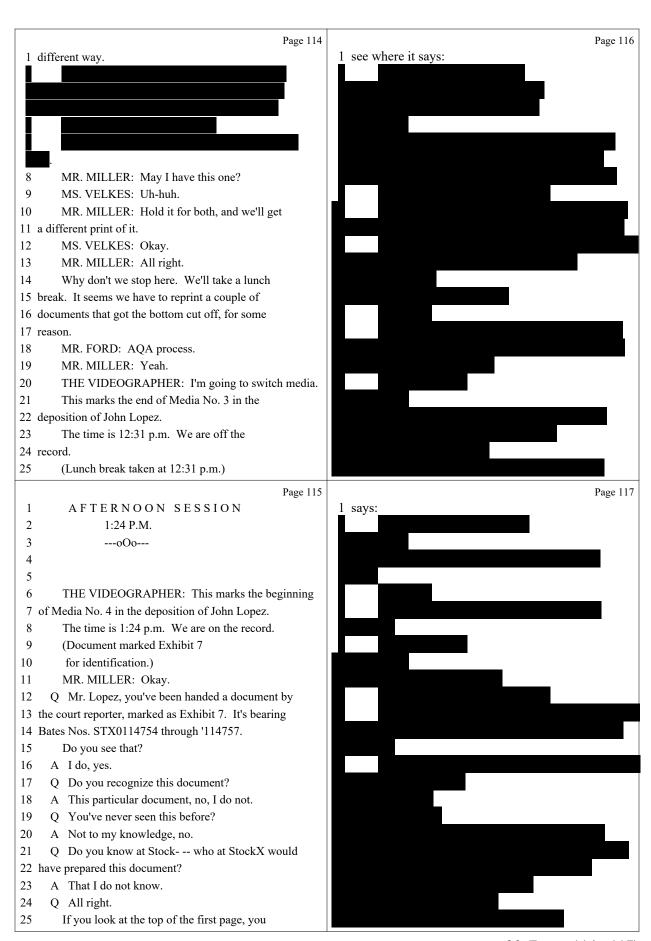
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- 8 Q So StockX receives products in authentication
- 9 centers for Nike shoes before they are released
- 10 through Nike.com website or the sneakers app?
- 11 MR. FORD: Objection to the form of the
- 12 question.
- 13 THE WITNESS: StockX does receive pairs --
- 14 pairs before they are released by Nike.com, yes.
- MR. MILLER: Q. How does that happen?
- 16 MR. FORD: Objection --
- MR. MILLER: Q. Where do they come from?
- 18 MR. FORD: Objection to form.
- 19 THE WITNESS: I cannot say where they are
- 20 coming from, but they are coming from our sellers on
- 21 the platform.
- MR. MILLER: Q. Do you know how sellers on
- 23 StockX's platform obtain pairs of Nike shoes before
- 24 they are released by Nike through the Nike.com website
- 25 or the sneakers app?

- 1 A No --
- 2 MR. FORD: Same --
- 3 THE WITNESS: -- I would not.
- 4 MR. FORD: Same objection.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- 6 MR. MILLER: Q. You don't know one way or

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- 7 the other?
- 8 A I -- I would not be able to speculate on
- 9 that.
- 10 (Document marked Exhibit 8
- 11 for identification.)
- 12 MR. MILLER: All right.
- 13 Q Mr. Lopez, you've been handed a document by
- 14 the court reporter marked as Exhibit 8. It is bearing
- 15 Bates Nos. STX0752605 through '752642.
- 16 Do you see that?
- 17 A I do, yes.
- 18 Q Do you recognize this document?
- 19 A I do, yes.
- 20 Q What is this?



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- 1 A I do not.
- Q Do you know if that happens for every Nike
- 3 shoe that's going to be released into the market?
- 4 MR. FORD: Objection to the form.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Can you rephrase that, please.
- 6 MR. MILLER: Q. Do you know how often
- 7 sellers on StockX's platform will send pairs of Nike
- 8 shoes before the release date on the Nike.com platform
- 9 or sneakers app?
- 10 MR. FORD: Objection to form.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I don't have an
- 12 answer for the amount.
- 13 MR. MILLER: Q. Would you say it happens
- 14 regularly?
- 15 A Define what you mean by "regularly."
- 16 Q If we're talking about ten releases of Nike
- 17 shoes, ten different pairs, of those ten, how often
- 18 will StockX receive product in its authentication
- 19 centers before the Nike.com or sneakers app release
- 20 date?
- 21 MR. FORD: Objection to the form.
- THE WITNESS: Yeah, I would not be able to
- 23 put an exact number on that.
- 24 MR. MILLER: Q. Would you be able to
- 25 estimate?

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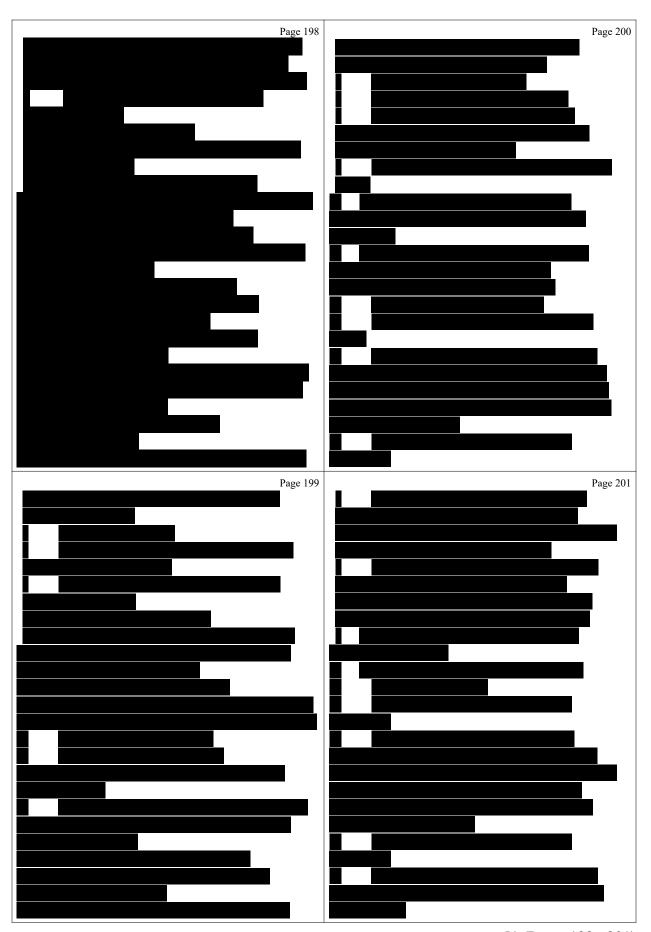
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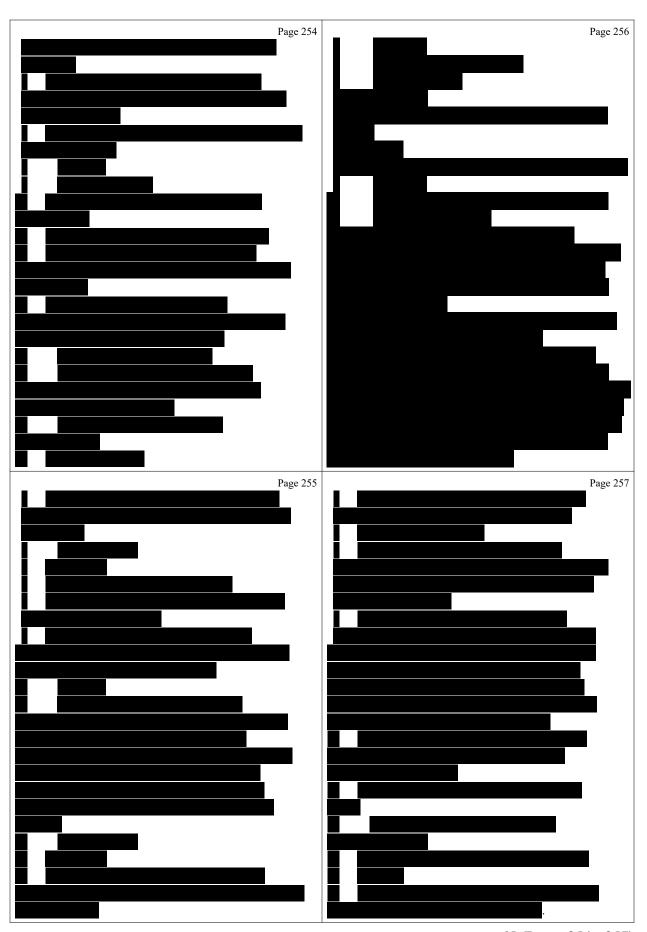
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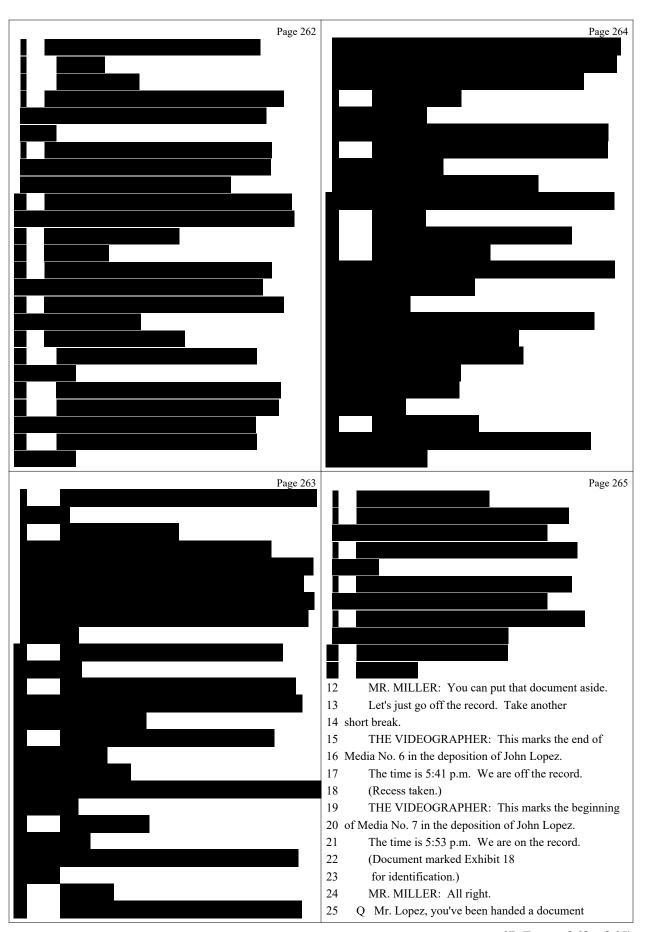
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I, John Lopez, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing transcript of my deposition taken on February 23, 2023; that I have made such corrections as appear noted herein; and that my testimony as contained herein, as corrected, is true and correct.

DATED this ^{24th} day of March, 2023.

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